



Easter Last Supper Service

Our next Mass in school will be Our Easter themed Mass on 18th April. The Mass will be at the usual time of 11:00am and will be accessible via Microsoft Teams. Year 3 will lead our Mass and a link will be sent out to all families closer to the date.

As always, all families and parishioners are most welcome to join this Mass virtually.

Mass at Church

Unfortunately, Father is now unable to say Mass at Church this Wednesday at 9:30am for both Year 5 and Year 6. Those year groups will now join Year 3 and Year 4 for Mass at Church at 9:30am on Wednesday 20th March.

March : For the New Martyrs

Pope Francis invites prayer "for those around the world who risk their lives for the Gospel, to inspire the Church with their courage and missionary zeal".

Lent Fundraising



Our Lent fundraising is in full swing at the moment with creativity wherever you look. Keep up the great work boys and girls!

Assemblies

Well done to the children who have already performed their assembly this term. Last week, we were treated to Year 3's assembly all about Health & Safety. It was also fantastic to have such great support from our families.

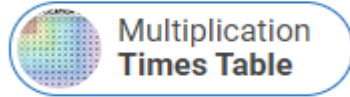
Our next class assembly for Year 5 will take place on Thursday 14th March.

Summer Term Assessments

May I again remind parents/carers that the children will be doing their assessments in May so attendance is very important. The Y6 children will be doing

their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) week beginning Monday 13th May. Assessments for other classes also take place in May.

Times Table Check for Children in Year 4



As you will be aware from parents' evening and previous newsletters, the government has introduced a statutory Times Table check for all children in Year 4, which will again take place in June this year. It is really important that the children continue to practise their times table knowledge at home and this is an area which parental support is crucial. For more information, please click the document section within the Maths curriculum page of our website.

<https://www.aspullourladys.wigan.sch.uk/maths>

Phonics Assessments



This Thursday 14th March, we have our Parent/Carer Phonics session straight after school at 3:35pm. This event offers further clarity on the phonics assessment process and how you as parents/carers can further support your child to enable them to reach their potential. As you will be aware, the Phonics Screening check will take place during the summer term from **week commencing Monday 10th June 2024.**

Pupils who should take the check

Pupils who have reached the age of 6 by the end of the academic year and who have completed the first year of the KS1 English programme of study (most pupils will be in Year 1) must take the check in June 2024.

Pupils who have reached the age of 7 by the end of the academic year (most pu-

pils will be in Year 2) must also take the check in June 2024, if they have not taken the check before or if they did not meet the expected standard in the June 2023 check.

We politely request that parents ensure children in Year 1 and those in Year 2 who have to retake the Check are in school during the administration of the phonics Screening Check window.

Community Sleep Out



Unfortunately, at short notice St Joseph's R.C. High School have had to postpone this event which was due to take place on Friday 15th March.

As soon as we have a rearranged date we will let families know.

Attendance Matters!

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



| Class | 26.2.2024 | 4.3.2024 |
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| YR | 98.7% | 99.3% |
| Y1 | 97.3% | 97.7% |
| Y2 | 92.6% | 97.4% |
| Y3 | 96.7% | 95.9% |
| Y4 | 98.6% | 92.9% |
| Y5 | 96.6% | 93.1% |
| Y6 | 99.3% | 98.9% |
| Whole School | 97% | 96.4% |



Our Lady's Sport



WigLe Dance Festival

This Thursday, our Year 3 pupils will take part in a dance festival at The Edge, Wigan. History tells us that this event is a wonderful experience for everyone involved and is sure to be another date to look forward to. The Y3 children are so excited to perform! Thank you to the staff and families for all their hard work in preparing and supporting the children.

Mile in The Morning

This term, we continue with our pupils completing their 'Mile in a Morning'. The children and their families enjoy the fresh air and it is a great opportunity to wake up your body and mind for the day ahead.

We would love you to join us Monday to Friday morning from 8:30am on the KS2 yard (weather permitting). Everybody is welcome to come along—parents, grandparents and siblings.

Can I also once again thank staff who often volunteer so much of their own time to provide the children with these excellent opportunities. Also, a very big thank you to all the parents/grandparents who support these activities, with lifts, extra adult supervision etc.

Upcoming Events/News

Girls Football

Our Y5 & Y6 girls did brilliantly last Friday at Laithwaite Park. Well done girls!

Cross Country

This Friday, some Y5 and Y6 pupils will take part at the interschools Cross Country event at Canon Sharples. We wish them the best of luck

Girls' Football

This Friday some Year 3/4 girls will take part in a Football Development Event at Wigan Athletic Stadium.

Boccia Regional Final

On Wednesday 20th March, our Boccia team will take part in the Boccia Regional Final at Greenbank Sports Centre in Liverpool. Our pupils have been through numerous rounds to get to this point and we are amazed by their achievement. Well done boys!

Future Dates

Thursday 18th April – Aspull Schools Netball Competition at Standish High School – 15:45-17:00

Thursday 18th April – Aspull Schools Football Competition – Our Lady's – 15:45-17:00

Monday 17th June – KS1 Interschool Sports – Canon Sharples – 9:30-12:00

Thursday 20th June – KS2 Interschool Sports – Our Lady's – 16:00-18:00

PE Kits

A reminder that the children should have their PE kit in school at all times.

Break the Rules Day

On our last Tuesday 26th March of this term, we will be having a 'Break the Rules Day' for all of our children.

If your child would like to join in, please read the instructions below.

Children can choose any number of rules to break from the list below. They may choose to break 1 or 5.

The fine for each broken rule will be £1.00. This will be payable on Parentpay.

We aim to make this an exciting fun day, however children will be reminded that all other school rules apply!

Rules to break

Fines

Juice in water bottle—£1.00

Chocolate for snack—£1.00

Face glitter- £1.00

Crazy hair- £1.00

Temporary tattoo - £1.00

Nail varnish - £1.00

Non-uniform/ Wear pyjamas - £1.00

Our Lady's R.C. Primary School Vacancy—Welfare Assistant

Required for April 2024—G2 - SCP

Our Governors wish to appoint a Welfare Assistant who is child centred and will support our school values. The governing body are looking for an exceptional individual who can help us to build upon these strong foundations. Somebody with a desire to achieve even more for our children.

The Governors, staff and children are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic member of staff to our lunchtime welfare team.

You will need to:

- Be committed to promoting high expectation of children's behaviour

- Have good communication skills

- Have the ability to build positive relationships with children and colleagues

- Be flexible and have the confidence to work with children across both key stages

- Be committed to maintaining and developing our strong ethos

- Have a good sense of humour

Application pack (including the person specification, job description and application form) are available on the web site www.aspullourladys.wigan.sch.uk

Wigan Local Authority and the School Governing Body are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

Application closing date: Monday 18th March 2024 12:00 noon

Interviews: Tuesday 19th March 2024

Start Date: Monday 15th April 2024



Our Lady's R.C. Primary School

Dates for Diary 2023/2024

Spring Term 2024

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| Monday 8 th January | | Spring 1 Term Starts |
| Tuesday 9 th January | 9:05 a.m. | Y6 Assessment Information Meeting |
| Tuesday 16 th January | 9:05 a.m. | Y2 Assessment Information Meeting |
| Friday 2 nd February | | Number Day - NSPCC |
| Monday 5 th February | 3:45p.m. – 6:30p.m. | Parents' Evening (all year groups) |
| Tuesday 6 th February | 3:45p.m. – 6:00p.m. | Parents' Evening (all year groups) |
| Wednesday 7 th February | | Safer Internet Day |
| Wednesday 7 th February | | Young Voices (Choir Members) |
| Wednesday 14 th February | 10:15am | Ash Wednesday Service (led by Y6) |
| Thursday 15 th February | 10:30 a.m. 6:30 -8:30p.m. | Parishioners Coffee Morning Swimming Gala |
| Week Commencing Monday 12 th February | | Love Your Community Week & 2041 Project Cake Sales during Week |
| Monday 19 th February – 23 rd February | | Half Term |
| Monday 26 th February | | Lent Day (1 st Sunday of Lent on 18 th Feb) |
| Wednesday 6 th March | | GIFT team Lent retreat at St Anthony's |
| Thursday 7 th March | | World Book Day |
| Week Commencing 11 th March | | Science Week |
| Thursday 14 th March | 3:35 p.m. | Y1 Phonics Information Workshop |
| Tuesday 26 th March | | Break the Rules Day |
| Thursday 28 th March | 3:35p.m. | Term Ends |



Our Lady's R.C. Primary School
Dates for Diary 2023/2024

| Summer Term 2024 | | |
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| Monday 15th April | | Summer 1 Term Starts |
| Thursday 18 th April | 11:00 a.m. | Easter Service (Y4 to Lead) |
| Monday 6 th May | | Bank Holiday |
| Thursday 9 th May | 11:00am | Ascension Mass (Y6 to Lead) |
| Friday 10 th May | 3:35 p.m. | Hot Dog Friday |
| Week Commencing 13 th May | | Y6 SATs Week |
| Monday 20 th May | | Dr Bike – Details to follow |
| Week Commencing 20 th May | | Walk/Cycle to School & Laudato Si Week |
| Tuesday 21 st May | | Y6 Bikeability Week |
| Wednesday 22 nd May | 6:00 p.m. | New Intake Parents' Meeting |
| Week Commencing 3 rd June | | Y6 Low Bank Ground |
| Sunday 2 nd June | 2:00p.m. | Walking Day |
| Week Commencing 10 th June | | Phonics Screening Week |
| Friday 14 th June | 6:15 – 7:15 (KS1) 7:30 – 8:30 (KS2) | FOOLS Wellbeing Disco- TBC |
| Friday 14 th June | 9:30 am -12:00pm | KS1 Inter School Sports @ Canon Sharples |
| Week Commencing 17 th June | | Refugee Week |
| Thursday 20 th June | 4:00- 6:00pm | KS2 Inter School Sports @ Our Lady's |
| Week Commencing 24 th June | | Diversity Week |
| Wednesday 26 th June | | Creative Curriculum Day with Aspull Church & St David's |
| Friday 5 th July | | Own Clothes Day – Bring a Bottle for Bottle Tombola |
| Sunday 7 th July | 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Summer Gala & Sports Day |
| Thursday 11 th July | 3:00 p.m. | Y6 Leavers' Assembly |
| Monday 15 th July | | Bastille Day |
| Tuesday 16 th July | | Reports Out |
| Thursday 18 th July | 11:00 a.m. | End of Year & Y6 Leavers' Mass |
| Friday 19 th July | 3:35p.m. | Term Ends |



Our Lady's Primary School

Masses, Celebrations and Sacramental Programme for 2023/24

| Date | Event | Time | Venue |
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| 21/9/23 | Mass - New Term (Led by Y5) | 11:00am | School Hall |
| 6/10/23 | Parishioners Coffee Morning (Faith Team)? | 10.30am | School Hall |
| 1/11/23 | Mass- All Saints' (Led by Y6) | 11:00am | School Hall |
| 7/12/22 | Mass- Advent (Led by Y4) | 11:00am | School Hall |
| 8/12/23 | Mass - Our Lady's Feast Day (Whole School) | 11:00am | Our Lady's Church |
| 13/12/23 | Nativity (KS1) | 2:00pm 6:00pm | School Hall |
| 18/12/23 | Mass - Christmas (Led by Y3) | 11:00am | School Hall |
| 15/2/24 | Parishioners Coffee Morning (Faith Team)? | 10.30am | School Hall |
| 9/1/24 | Sacramental Programme Meeting - Community Meeting | 6:00pm | Our Lady's Church |
| 3/2/24 4/2/24 | Presentation Masses | 6:00pm 9:30am 11.15 am | Church - Our Lady's Church - Holy Family |
| 14/2/24 | Lenten Service - Including distribution of ashes) (Led by Y5) | 10:15am | School Hall |
| 13/3/24 | Reconciliation | 6:00pm | Church - Our Lady's |
| 18/4/24 | Mass - Easter Theme (Led by Y3) | 11:00am | School Hall |
| 9/5/24 | Ascension Mass (Led by Y6) | 11:00am | School Hall |
| 2/6/24 | Walking Day | 2:00pm | Church - Our Lady's |
| 22/6/24 | First Holy Communion | 12.00pm | Church - Holy Family |
| 23/6/24 | First Holy Communion | 3:00pm | Church - Our Lady's |
| 18/7/24 | Leavers' Mass and End of School Year Mass (Led by Y6) | 11:00am | School Hall |

Class Visits to Church

Mass begins at 9.15am KS1 - offertory KS2-readings

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| Monday 25 th September 2023 | Pupil Committees |
| Wednesday 4 th October 9.30am Wednesday 13 th March 9.30am Wednesday 17 th April 9.30am | Y5/Y6 |
| Wednesday 11 th October 9.30am Wednesday 20 th March 9.30am Wednesday 24 th April 9.30am | Y3/Y4 |
| Wednesday 18 th October 9.30am Wednesday 27 th March 9.30am Wednesday 1 st May | YR/Y1/Y2 |



Dates for Diary – Sacramental Programme 2023/24



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| Reconciliation | Jan-Feb | 9.1.24 6pm at Our Lady's Church Initial Welcome Meeting Parents and Children | | Session 1: Thankfulness the Gift of Life. | Session 2: Honesty and Bravery-God is calling you. |
| | Feb-March | | 21st January during 9.30am Mass – Children's Liturgy 28.2.24 6pm at Holy Family Church Session 3 of Heart Speaks to Heart: Reflection-called to love. Children's meeting | Session 4: Friendship and Respect- turning to God. (complete with children during Lent). | |
| First Holy Communion | April-May | | 8.5.24 6pm at Holy Family Church Session 2: Entering God's House. (First Holy Communion Preparation) Children's meeting | Session 4: Stillness-God Speaks His Word Session 5: Generosity and Gratitude-Jesus offers himself for us. | Session 1: My Life's Journey Session 3: Love-Holy Mass Begins |
| | June | 9.6.24- reminder and finalisation of arrangements emailed virtually to parents. | 12.6.24 6pm at Our Lady's Church Session 6: Courage-food for the Journey. (Last Supper) Children's meeting | Session 7 Reflection: My Journey continues. | |
| Celebration/Event | | Date | | Time | |
| Presentation | | 3 rd and 4 th February | | 6:00pm. Our Lady's or 9:30am Our Lady's | |
| Reconciliation | | Wednesday 13 th March | | 6:00pm. Our Lady's | |
| Walking Day | | Sunday 2 nd June | | 2:00pm. Meet at Our Lady's | |
| First Holy Communion | | Sunday 23 rd June | | 3:00pm. Our Lady's | |